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TODAY and TOMORROW

Defeatism In Enemy Camp

THE present desperate position of the Anglo-American forces in Europe and the Pacific has made President Roosevelt more sober and careful regarding predictions about the end of the war. No longer does he believe in trying to bluff his people that the war will be ended in six months or one year or two years. In his fourth Budget message to the Congress, he says, "My only prediction is that our enemies will be totally defeated before we lay down our arms." This is as good as saying "The war will end when it will end!"

The Anglo-American military and political leaders are convinced that the war in Europe will last an indefinite length of time and therefore it would be foolish even to think of the end of the war in the Pacific. And yet the American Budget Director Harold Smith has to apologise for preparing the budget on the assumption that the war will last until the end of this year. Indeed, if Roosevelt could depend upon the morale of the American people, the budget should have been prepared to include not only war expenditure for the whole of this year; it should also include some fraction of capital war expenditure for the following years.

But the American people are not prepared for a long and costly war. They want peace quickly and they want to get back to their pre-war occupation of making more money and still more money by exploiting the poorer people in their own homeland and in other countries such as China and India, under the respectable names of big business and foreign trade. So not only Roosevelt dare not include in the present budget any part of the war expenditure of the coming years, even for preparing the budget on the assumption that the war will last until the end of this year, Roosevelt has to persuade and cajole his people. Roosevelt has to promise them that if the war against Nippon and Germany ends before the close of this year, then adjustments will be made by supplementary estimates. What a hope!

Roosevelt also admits that "fighting all over the world has now reached a climax of fury" and that the global war is a terrific strain on the Anglo-American people. This recent reverses in Europe and in the Pacific and their peoples' panicky reactions show that this terrific strain of the world war will soon totally break the fighting power of America and Britain.

Sanguinary War Raging Near San Fabian, Lingayen

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Devastating Aerial Attack On Enemy Invasion Fleet · Over 30 Vessels Sunk

Tokyo, January 10 (Domei)—Bitter fighting is now raging in the vicinity of San Fabian and Lingayen on the coast of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Island, as our forces engaged enemy invasion troops who started landing in that sector yesterday, Tuesday morning, while our air force in co-ordinated action with our ground troops, is carrying out devastating attacks against the enemy invasion fleet, Dai Hohyei announced in a communique released at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The communique follows:

"Firstly, after penetrating into Lingayen Gulf on the morning of January 6 the enemy started landing in the vicinity of San Fabian and Lingayen about 9.40 a.m. on January 9.

"Secondly, our ground forces in that sector engaged the enemy in fierce battle while our air force is also carrying out death-defying attacks against enemy warcraft and vessels."

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, January 9 (Domei)—An intense sea and air battle is at present raging in waters west of Luzon Island as air and surface forces of our Special Attack Corps unleashed their pent-up striking power against enemy warcraft and transports carrying invasion forces. Especially ferocious have been the death-defying attacks launched by our special attack surface craft corps whose body-crashing tactics have already accounted for at least 30 enemy transports.

Army and navy air units of our Special Attack Corps also joined in assaults against enemy invasion forces, repeatedly pounding enemy war vessels and landing craft.

While heavy sea and air fighting is still in progress off Luzon Island, part of enemy transports under cover of darkness last night slipped into Lingayen Gulf and joined enemy forces which had entered the Gulf previously. These enemy forces however are also being heavily attacked by our air units including our special attack corps.

German U-Boat Warfare Flares Into Activity

Lisbon, Jan. 9 (Domei)—A joint statement issued in London with the authorisation of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill warns that "German U-boat warfare flared into renewed activity during December, 1944," according to a dispatch received here.

The statement says, "This is but another index that the European war is far from over.

NETAJI IN MESSAGE URGES E. ASIA INDIANS TO GIVE ALL FOR LIBERATION WAR

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Maximum Sacrifice For Freedom Of India's Millions Won't Be Too Big

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Syonan, Jan. 10 (Domei)—Declaring that Nippon and her allies are exerting their supreme efforts in order to defeat the enemy, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the I.N.A., today issued an appeal to Indians in East Asia, urging them to give their all in men, money and material during the current year in the battle for the liberation of India.

Netaji's message reads: "The year 1945 is going to be the decisive year in this war—a year during which the whole world will know which side will ultimately win this war. Therefore, during this year our side must put forward maximum effort and maximum sacrifice. Nippon and our other allies are now engaged in total mobilization and are straining every nerve in order to defeat the enemy.

"What are we to do? We too must make the maximum sacrifice during this year and give our all in men, money and materials. As a first step towards this total sacrifice and New Year gift to India a fund has been started in East Asia and Indians in Malai have already contributed handsomely to this war chest. I appeal to Indians all over East Asia to contribute generously to this fund and set an example of self-sacrifice to the whole world.

"Collections for this fund should go on till February 15 1945, and thereafter the result shall be communicated to the headquarters in Burma. In conclusion I want to remind my countrymen that if for the emancipation of the 388 million Indians, Indians in East Asia numbering three million give their all and embrace poverty that will not be a big price for our national liberation."

International Conferences Mere Bunkum; Mrs. Vijayalaksmi Pandit Makes Candid Statement To Press

Lisbon, January 9 (Domei)—Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit, sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, famed imprisoned Congress leader, today told the press on her arrival at Hot Springs, Virginia, to attend the International Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, that "such conferences do little good because the countries are improperly represented," according to a Reuter's dispatch.

She specifically cited the instance of Burmese, East Indies and Indo-Chinese representatives to this conference who have arrived only as members of the British, Dutch and French delegations respectively.

"Colonies are out of place in the present world order," Mrs. Pandit declared, "because, according to the Atlantic Charter, there should be equality among the people of all races and all colours." With special reference to India, she said, "In India, we feel the inequality strongly."

Recently, this feeling has become even stronger, she added, because Indians have not been unimpressed by Nippon's declaration that she is fighting for the liberation of Asia from the Anglo-American powers.

Mrs. Pandit said that India welcomes participation in any international security organisation, but "if there is to be a new world order, all countries must be on the same footing."

Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit

Discussing international affairs, Mrs. Pandit declared, "If the British Government had been genuine in its promises to the Indian people, they would have given an opportunity to the Congress and the Muslims to get together."

She said that the Indian Viceroy should have liberated the Congress Council during the Gandhi-Jinnah talks but since that did not happen, Jinnah apparently did not recognize Gandhiji's offer as representative of the Congress and come to terms.

Mass Unrest And Sabotage Spread Throughout India

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Infuriated People Set Fire To Government Godowns · Situation Critical

Latest reports received here yesterday indicate that saboteurs are reported to be playing havoc with the British war effort. Government godowns and warehouses where foodstuffs confiscated from the impoverished masses are stored before being despatched for use of the army in India and abroad, are being set fire to by the saboteurs. The infuriated masses are trying to recover or destroy the foodstuffs which the British have looted and plundered from them in a ruthless manner.

In a desperate effort to save their booty, the British authorities are now enforcing further stringent measures in the harbour areas based on their tragic experiences of the Bombay Dock Explosion of last year.

This Bombay Dock Explosion, it will be recalled, was one of the most brilliant acts of sabotage committed by freedom-loving Indian patriots and revolutionaries. The British losses in men and materials including ammunition and foodstuffs were appalling.

The British are now afraid of similar large-scale sabotage in the various ports of India. In a frantic but vain attempt to prevent them, the authorities have now passed new regulations giving enormous powers to the military authorities of the ports in case of emergency. A Press communique issued in New Delhi stated that the powers vested in the military authorities in port areas will include control over all army, navy and air force, fire fighting and other personnel, as well as control over civilian police and civil defence personnel.

Meanwhile, the extreme gravity of the general situation in the country is reflected in the continued sitting of the so-called "National Defence Council" in New Delhi under the chairmanship of the Viceroy. The present session which is the 17th to be held ever since it was formed, commenced on Monday, and continued on Tuesday. It is attended, as usual, by both military and civilian officials.

29 B-29's Shot Down, Damaged Over Nippon

Tokyo, Jan. 10 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 2 o'clock this afternoon announced as follows:

"War results of our interception operations during the B-29 raid on the Nippon mainland on the afternoon of Jan. 9 are as follows: shot down: 11 (four brought down by body-crashing attacks). Damaged: 18.

"Five of our planes were lost."

Sadao Iguchi On Roosevelt's Gloomy Outlook

Tokyo, January 8 (Domei)—Characterizing Roosevelt's message as one of utmost gloom for the American people, Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, in the course of a foreign press conference today declared that in electing Roosevelt for the fourth term the American people had expected better times, something better than total manpower mobilization, through the enactment of the National Service Legislation, which incidentally was smoked out by Congress when it was proposed last year. He continued that Roosevelt brought the matter up again as a "must legislation" and though he conveyed the message in actual substance it was provided by Nippon and Germany whose forces have been dealing such destructive blows on American forces and making them bleed to such an extent that it has affected the whole war organization and effort at home.

As for other items related to war and foreign policy Mr Iguchi pointed out that Roosevelt sounds apologetic and defensive. He makes promises about what the United States will do to Nippon and Germany and about the future of international relations, but offers no convincing assurance about the situation as it exists today, he declared.

He said Roosevelt's reference to power politics, now in fashion in so-called liberated areas in Europe, as something which should not be a controlling factor in international relations, was primarily addressed to the American people who have recently become much upset by the trend of political affairs in Europe. Whether or not he has allayed the fear of the people by speaking against power politics, Mr. Iguchi stressed that his statement would have no effect upon the continuance of power politics itself as Roosevelt himself is playing the game.

Another point, Mr. Iguchi said, is that Roosevelt again let the cat out of the bag when he spoke about the Atlantic Charter by saying that its principles will be maintained as humanly as possible. By speaking about this Charter in this manner he has admitted that the so-called Charter cannot really be applicable, he declared, adding, "Of course anything about this Charter means nothing to us as it is worth only a mere scrap of paper. The ones who have been making it a scrap of paper are the United States and Britain whose action is entirely inconsistent with the principles set forth in the Charter."

Children's Concert On Sunday January 14

With guidance of the Hodobu, Syonan Ongaku Kyokai has established a music section consisting of children only and which has become famous.

This children's orchestra has been trained since last year with music of modern style and will show its ability to the public for the second time at the Dai Toa Gekijo on Sunday next commencing at 2 p.m.

Complimentary tickets will be available to members of the public at Syonan Ongaku Kyokai, 3rd Floor, behind the Dai Toa Gekijo.

Rapacious Anglo-U.S. Imperialism Held Sole Cause For World Wars, Present Day Agonies & Sufferings

Nanking, January 9 (Domei)—A bitter denunciation of Anglo-American imperialism and an appeal to the Chungking regime to renounce its position as the Anglo-American cat's-paw and to co-operate in China's steady progress toward independence, was the keynote of a statement to the press by Chen Kung-po, Acting President of the National Government of China, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the National Government of China's entry into the War of Greater East Asia as Nippon's ally, today.

Chen declared that the blame for the present plight of the peoples of the entire world as a result of several years of embittered war, can be laid squarely on rapacious Anglo-American imperialism. Britain, he charged, has callously been indulging in colonial exploitation, while espousing freedom and equality.

He said Anglo-American colonial policy consists of nothing but monopolistic financial domination and subjugation of other races. This old order is now facing imminent collapse and it behoves the British nation to abandon the Anglo-Saxon superiority complex and their contempt for other races as well as their monopolistic economic policies, and recognize the lofty principles of international reciprocity and equality.

He said on the other hand in the United States war-mad American leaders, playing into the hands of Jewish capitalists, have dragged the American people further and further into the depths of war.

Why is America attempting to strangle millions of oppressed who seek freedom, despite the fact that the safety of the American homeland has never been threatened? Chen asked. Both Chungking leaders and leaders of the National Government of China, following the ideals of Dr. Sun Yat-sen for more than 20 years, have been working under difficult circumstances for the same objective of attaining the aim of the Chinese national revolution and it is only in the manner of execution that they have come to differ with each other.

Under the able leadership of the late Wang Ching-wei, the Government of China has step by step worked toward the attainment of China's freedom and equality, and already the foundation for the recovery of China's sovereignty has been established, he said.

He further said that China with other countries of East Asia is fighting side by side with Nippon and Germany in the cause of justice, for their very existence, and for the cause of mankind. This year will be a year of bright hope for the countries of East Asia, and Anglo-American aggressive ambitions are sure to meet with failure, he predicted.

Only through justice, reciprocity, and equality can a new order in which each country will have its proper place, free to enjoy peace and prosperity, be built up out of the ruins of the present world turmoil, Chen concluded.

Wordy Warfare Between Anglo-U.S. Continues

Lisbon, Jan. 9 (Domei)—In an editorial commenting on British Field-Marshal Bernard Montgomery's assumption of the command of two American armies on the Western Front, the influential "Chicago Tribune" today hit back again at recent British press criticisms of American policy, according to a Chicago dispatch.

While welcoming Montgomery's new role, the paper declared, "Still more might be achieved towards a genuine partnership based on equality if the British would suspend their propaganda in this country."

As to Field-Marshal Montgomery's praise of American troops at the front, the "Chicago Tribune" said it hoped that all the British "will follow the lead of this soldier and stop sniping at Americans and pretending that America is a colony."

Foe Cruiser & Transport Sunk In Akyab Harbour

A Nippon Base in Burma, Jan. 10 (Domei)—One large-sized cruiser and one large transport were sunk and another large transport heavily damaged on Jan. 9 by a Burma-based Nippon fighter unit while the enemy was engaged in disembarkation operations in the Akyab harbour area. Hurtling down on enemy war vessels in a death-defying dive bombing attack, Nippon airmen scored two direct hits on an escorting cruiser, sinking it instantaneously. Another 300-ton vessel was also sent to the bottom by Nippon planes.

A four-engined flyingboat, a Beaufighter and another fighter of unidentified type which attempted to interfere were shot down after a brief aerial duel over the port area. Three Nippon fighters are missing from the operation.

Pres. Roosevelt Presents Gloomy War Budget

Lisbon, January 9 (Domei)—Declaring that the fighting all over the world has reached the climax of fury, American President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his budget message to Congress, today asked for the approval of a total expenditure of $83,000,000,000 for the coming fiscal year and at the same time told the American people that they must be prepared to shoulder an increasing national debt in the post-war world, according to a Washington dispatch.

The President said that the rate of war expenditure during the coming year would depend on developments on the battle-fronts but he has proposed the use of $70,000,000,000 as a tentative estimate. The remaining $13,000,000,000 will be appropriated for general and special accounts, he said.

In his budget message, the President emphasized the difficulties lying in the way of the prosecution of the war and which, he said, are considered in the budget estimates.

"Although we have now a merchant marine four times its pre-war tonnage, the terrific strain of the global war makes necessary some further additions to the cargo and tanker fleet," Roosevelt significantly declared.

Entire Forefield Of Maginot Line In German Hands

Berlin, January 9 (Domei)—In northern Ardennes German troops were engaged in hard but successful fighting against the Americans who had been trying to break through the Rivers Salm and Ourthe since noon yesterday, the German High Command announced. Gaps in the German line were closed in counter-attacks. American attempts to cut off the German salient jutting out south-east of Bastogne were smashed. South and south-east of Wissembourg in Alsace, German troops have now taken the entire forefield of the Maginot Line and have extended and deepened their breach, the German communique said.

No conclusions can yet be drawn from the fighting south of Strasbourg, according to the German Military Spokesman who said that the battle there was for the time being waged for possession of various sites. In Hungary, German troops penetrated into the area north of Stuhlweissenburg north-west of Lake Balaton.

Soviet attacks against the eastern front of Budapest which continued day and night failed, the German High Command said. Heavy battles are raging among the burning ruins with increasing fury, frontline dispatches said. In Kispest, situated in the south-east of Budapest, combined German assault columns supported by tanks made fierce thrusts, wiping out Soviet forces which had broken into the German lines and re-establishing communication with their Hungarian neighbours, German frontline dispatches said.

Soviet planes repeatedly attacked the Hungarian capital causing heavy damage in the town centre. Unconfirmed reports said the Parliament building had been damaged for the third time.

Fighting on the Italian front was hampered by bad weather, according to reports received. Anglo-American air activity over Germany was very slight yesterday owing to inclement weather.

Dark Clouds Hang Over Britain's Cotton Industry

Lisbon, Jan. 9 (Domei)—There appears to be no prospect of a speedy alleviation of Britain's acute scarcity of cotton goods as British Labour Minister Ernest Bevin has indicated there is little possibility of cotton workers being released from the armed forces or other war industries, according to a Manchester message.

The dispatch said, however, that Bevin's decisions will be challenged since at the present, the total output is wholly insufficient for government needs, let alone civilian and export requirements.

It may be recalled that earlier in the war, 180 British mills were closed down under a concentration scheme and 170,000 workers, including 64,000 spinners, were directed to other war work.

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